

Business/Non-Instructional Operations

Gifts, Grants and Bequests

Grants from Private Sources

The Board encourages the development of proposals to private foundations and other sources of financial aid for subsidizing such activities as innovative projects, feasibility studies, long-range planning, and research and development. All such activities are to meet the following criteria:

1. They are based on a specific set of internal objectives that relate to the established goals and objectives of the district.
2. They are to provide measures for evaluating whether or not project objectives are being or have been achieved.
3. The execution of all projects is to conform to state and federal laws and to the policies of the Board and to the provisions of the Town Charter.

All grant proposals are to be approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee before being submitted to the funding agency. The Superintendent shall establish administrative guidelines for the processing of proposal ideas to the Board for its approval.

Public Gifts to the Schools

Gifts which may serve to enhance and extend the work of the schools may be received by the district. It shall be the general policy of the district to direct those who desire to make contribution to consider equipment or services that are not likely to be acquired from public fund expenditures.

1. Equipment and other items contributed to the schools becomes the property of the district and is subject to the same controls and regulations that govern the use of other school-owned property.
2. Contributions of equipment or services that may involve major costs and/or staff involvement for installation or maintenance, or initial or continuing financial commitments from school funds shall be presented by the Superintendent's office for Board consideration and approval.
3. Individuals or organizations desiring to contribute supplies or equipment will counsel with school officials regarding the acceptability of such contributions in advance of the solicitation of funds or the making of budgetary appropriations. Contributions may not endorse specific religions or political beliefs, or, sanction negative stereotypes.

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Public Gifts to the Schools (continued)

4. The Board of Education shall approve all gifts to schools or the district as soon as reasonably possible.
5. A gift or bequest may not influence any aspect of the purchase/bidding process or renewal of a contract.
6. A gift or bequest may not place restrictions or limits on the established school program of studies or approved activities.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

7-194 Powers

10-9 Bequests for educational purpose

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